

Cà Trepolo San Tomà Venice

4 June

immediately but do not  
know how soon our  
mutual friend Hooker  
may return to Kew -

Believe me in haste

Dear Sir

Very truly yours

John Ball

Of course you are well provided  
with European plants but  
if you should happen to want  
rare species from the Alps  
Apennines or Pyrenees I may  
be able to supply them & I  
be happy to do so. My address  
in London is Oxford & Cambridge (Chs)  
Pall Mall

My dear Sir

It was with the greatest  
regret that I found I had  
missed the pleasure of seeing  
you & Mrs Gray here. What  
made it worse was that I  
returned before you had  
left Venice but by some  
blunder of my servant did  
not receive your card till  
after you had gone away.

I have not been able to see  
Dr Nassias the Secretary &  
most active member of the

Venetian Institute but  
have spoken with his  
nephew who lives in the  
same house - The latter  
assures me that there is  
no doubt but the Venetian  
Institute will gladly enter  
into an exchange of publications  
with the American Academy  
It will be quite enough if  
you will write to say that  
you are authorized to propose  
the exchange - mentioning  
whether it extends to the past

publications or is limited to  
those hereafter published -  
and if you are able to point  
out the best way of practically  
carrying out the object  
(through the bookseller who  
supplies your academy, or  
otherwise) it will be a  
convenience to the people  
here who are probably not  
well up to such matters.  
Your letter may best be  
addressed to Cavaliere Giacinto  
Nanias - Segretario dell'Istituto  
Veneto delle Scienze - Venice  
I hope to be more fortunate  
in meeting you in London  
than here - I start almost